

**Amendment and Response**

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add claim 21.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 11, and 19 as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A method of applying a compressive force to a selected location on a work piece, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a device including a body member and a force applying member movably connected with the body member;
- (b) attaching the body member to a surface using a first double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip, and attaching one end of the force applying member adjacent the selected location using a second double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip; and
- (c) moving the force applying member toward the surface to generate a compressive force.

2.(Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of stretching the first double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip to remove the adhesive from the body member and the surface.

3.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the surface is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of cellulosic materials and masonry.

4.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the work piece is a surface.

5.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the work piece is an object.

6.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the force applying member is threadably connected with the body member.

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7.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the force applying member is pivotally connected with the body member.

8.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the force applying member is slidably connected with the body member, and further wherein the device includes a force generating member arranged to bias the force applying member in the direction of the work piece.

9.(Original) A method as defined in claim 8, wherein the force generating member is a spring.

10.(Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the device includes a pair of force applying members arranged at an angle.

11.(Currently Amended) A method of applying a tensile force to a selected location on a work piece, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a device including a body member and a force applying member movably connected with the body member;
- (b) attaching the body member to a surface with a first double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip, whereby one end of the force applying member is adjacent the selected location;
- (c) attaching the force applying member to the surface using a second double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip; and
- (d) moving the force applying member away from the surface to generate a tensile force.

12.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the surface is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of cellulosic materials and masonry.

13.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the work piece is a surface.

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14.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the work piece is an object.

15.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the force applying member is threadably connected with the body member.

16.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the force applying member is pivotally connected with the body member.

17.(Original) A method as defined in claim 11, wherein the force applying member is slidably connected with the body member, and further wherein the device further includes a force generating member arranged to bias the force applying member in the direction of the work piece.

18.(Original) A method as defined in claim 17, wherein the force generating member is a spring.

19.(Currently Amended) A method of removing a dent from a surface, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a device including a body member and a force applying member movably connected with the body member;
- (b) arranging the device on the surface such that the body member is attached to the surface with a first double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip and one end of the force applying member is adjacent the dent;
- (c) attaching the force applying member to the dented surface using a second double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip; and
- (d) moving the force applying member away from the surface to generate a pulling force on the dented surface, wherein the pulling force is sufficient to remove the dent.

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20.(Previously Presented) The method defined in claim 1, wherein the body member is attached to the surface at a location distinct from the selected location and wherein moving the force applying member toward the surface to generate a compressive force includes moving the force applying member relative to the body member.

21.(New) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein attaching the body member to the surface includes positioning the first double-sided stretch releasable adhesive strip such that a non-adhesive pull tab of the strip extends laterally beyond the body member.